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Montgomery County Reports 1,093 New COVID-19 Cases and Seven Deaths Over Seven Days

A Total Number of 15,307 Cases and 847 Deaths Were Reported

Limited COVID-19 Testing Available on Veterans Day, Updated Testing Schedule Starting Nov. 12

Norristown, PA (November 10, 2020) – Montgomery County officials and the Office of Public Health (OPH) today reported COVID-19 test results and deaths from November 4 to November 10, 2020. One thousand ninety-three (November 4: 128, November 5: 121, November 6: 191, November 7: 158, November 8: 150, November 9: 185, November 10: 160) additional individuals tested positive for coronavirus, and seven individuals died of COVID-19, bringing the countywide total to 15,307 cases and 847 deaths. Twelve of the new cases are in long-term care facilities. None of the reported positive COVID-19 cases resulted from antibody testing. More details are included in the attached COVID-19 Weekly Report.

"The COVID-19 fall surge continues in Montgomery County," said Dr. Valerie A. Arkoosh, Chair, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners. "We are experiencing a substantial increase in confirmed positive COVID-19 cases across all age groups with a corresponding increase in hospitalizations. New data on hospitalizations and ventilator use, in addition to our daily positivity rates is available on our COVID-19 Data Hub. Contact tracing finds that the highest risk activities include private indoor gatherings and high contact recreational sports. In response to this surge, we are expanding testing hours at some of our sites beginning November 12. Take steps to stay safe including, wear a mask when near non-household contacts, avoid social gatherings, get tested if you need or want to, fully cooperate if you receive a call from a contact tracer, and download the COVID Alert PA app onto your phone. Working together, we can suppress the surge of COVID-19 in Montgomery County."

None of the individuals who died of COVID-19 resided in a long-term care facility.

The 1,093 positive individuals are from 59 municipalities. Sixty-two municipalities have been affected. A breakdown of today's reported cases follows:

Age Range: 1 - 98

Gender: 566 females, 524 males, 3 unknown

The next update on COVID-19 cases and mitigation efforts will be on **Thursday, November 12, at 3 p.m.**, via a press briefing which will be streamed live on <u>Montgomery County's Facebook page</u>.

There are several no-cost **COVID-19 community testing sites** located throughout Montgomery County for all ages. No prescription is required. These self-administered tests are by appointment only, do not require a vehicle, are available for individuals who live or work in Montgomery County, and want or need to be tested. **The sites are outdoors and are subject to closure on short notice due to inclement weather. Please check weather forecasts and the COVID-19 Data Hub for weather-related updates. To register for testing, visit www.montcopa.org/COVID-19, and select County Testing Information or call 610.970.2937 on the date of the intended appointment.**

Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. on Monday through Friday and will remain open until all slots are filled and as long as testing supplies allow.

The following sites will be open on Veterans Day, November 11 for limited hours:

- Norristown Delaware Valley Community Health Center at the Norristown Regional Health
 Center at 1401 Dekalb St., Norristown, PA. Testing will be available on November 11 from 10
 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Ardmore 114 W. Lancaster Ave., Ardmore, PA. Testing will be available on **November 11** from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The County has expanded the hours for most of the COVID-19 testing sites. The new schedule for all sites will start on November 12.

Ardmore – 114 W. Lancaster Ave., Ardmore, PA. Testing is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 4 p.m.

Green Lane – Deep Creek and Snyder Roads, Green Lane, PA. Testing is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m.

Lansdale – 421 W. Main St., Lansdale, PA. Testing is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 4 p.m.

Norristown – Delaware Valley Community Health Center at the Norristown Regional Health Center at 1401 Dekalb St., Norristown, PA.. Testing is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Pottstown – Montgomery County Office of Public Health, 364 King St., Pottstown, PA. Testing is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from noon to 2 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Willow Grove –First Baptist Church - Crestmont, 1678 Fairview Ave., Willow Grove, PA. Testing is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from noon to 4 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

While the above locations will be closed on Saturday and Sunday, information on **additional testing sites**, many of which operate over the weekend, can be found at www.montcopa.org/COVID-19 under the County Testing Information button.

COVID-19 contact tracing efforts are ongoing and are critical to slowing the spread of the disease. The County has partnered with ACLAMO, Family Services of Montgomery County, Montgomery County OIC, and Visiting Nurses Association Community Services to help with contact tracing efforts.

Individuals who have been tested or identified as a direct contact of an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 and has received a call from the 'Results Center' or any of our community partners may return the call to 610.278.5923 to find out their results or status. All information discussed on the call is strictly confidential and is only used to trace COVID-19 cases.

The COVID-19 outbreak continues to be a rapidly evolving situation. Please visit the Montco COVID-19 Data Hub at www.montcopa.org/covid-19 to get the latest information on hospitalizations, ventilator use, positivity rates, geographic and demographic information, news and updates.

COVID Alert PA is the official mobile app by the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) that uses the Exposure Notification System (ENS) provided by Apple and Google. After downloading the app onto a smartphone, users may opt-in to receive alerts warning of a potential exposure to someone who tested positive for COVID-19. For more information visit www.pa.gov/covid/covid-alert-pa.

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Montgomery County COVID-19 Weekly Report - November 4, 2020 through November 10, 2020

		Case Type			Age Distribution							G	enders					
Date	Cases	Community	LTC	Other Congregate*	Unknown	Range**	Average**	0-19	20-39	40-59	62-09	66-08	100+	Unknown	Male	Female	Unknown	Municipalities Affected
Wednesday 11/4	128	123	4	1	0	1-94	39.8	23	44	42	14	5	0	0	59	69	0	37
Thursday 11/5	121	118	1	2	0	1-83	39.0	19	41	44	14	3	0	0	60	61	0	38
Friday 11/6	191	186	3	2	0	1-89	39.2	34	61	62	30	4	0	0	80	110	1	45
Saturday 11/7	158	156	2	0	0	1-90	41.3	26	45	57	26	4	0	0	84	72	2	45
Sunday 11/8	150	150	0	0	0	1-80	33.8	38	56	42	13	1	0	0	67	83	0	43
Monday 11/9	185	184	1	0	0	1-85	36.0	40	67	52	21	5	0	0	97	88	0	49
Tuesday 11/10	160	159	1	0	0	1-98	41.0	21	63	47	24	5	0	0	77	83	0	43
Weekly Total	1093	1076	12	5	0	1-98	38.5	201	377	346	142	27	0	0	524	566	3	59
Previous Week	775	754	18	3	0	1-96	40.1	133	269	225	128	20	0	0	377	397	1	57
Difference	+318	+322	-6	+2	-	N/A	-1.6	+68	+108	+121	+14	+7	-	-	+147	+169	+2	+2
Overall Total	15307	12189	2559	556	3	1-110	46.7	1797	4738	4250	2855	1637	28	2	7276	7979	52	62

^{*}Other Congregate includes the Montgomery County Correctional Facility (MCCF), State Correctional Institution – Phoenix (SCI-Phoenix), Norristown State Hospital, behavioral health facilities, and other congregate living settings that do not meet the definition of Long Term Care (LTC) facilities.

^{**}Ages less than 1 are listed as 1 for the purposes of the age range and average age.

	Deaths	Age Range	Genders		Location of Death				Race Information						
Date			Male	Female	Hospital	LTC	Residence / Other	Unknown	Asian	Asian Indian	Asian Korean	Black	White	Unknown***	
Wednesday 11/4	2	61-93	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	
Thursday 11/5	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Friday 11/6	1	78	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Saturday 11/7	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sunday 11/8	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Monday 11/9	3	70-92	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	
Tuesday 11/10	1	79	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Weekly Total	7	61-93	5	2	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	
Previous Week	2	52-78	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
Difference	+5	N/A	+4	+1	+5	-	-	-	-1	-	-	+1	+6	-1	
Overall Total	847	36-104	399	448		N	I/A		19	3	3	105	341	376	

^{***}Race not provided by Coroner's Office.